



Smith Rock
COMMUNITY CHURCH

acts

OF THE APOSTLES

Sermon notes
and
study guide

For the week of
10th January 2021

“The Path”



The Path

Acts 1:1-11 or page 855 in a church bible.

Main points

1. Put yourself in the right P _____

1 Give ear to my words, O Lord;
consider my groaning.

2 Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you do I pray.

3 O Lord, in the morning you hear my
voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

Psalm 5:1-3 (ESV)

2. Glorify God with your P _____

7 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 17:1–3 (ESV)

3. Look for God's P_____

but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.

Acts 16:7 (ESV)

4. P_____ where God shows

4 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

WHAT NEXT?



What have you heard God say to you this morning and what are you going to do with what you heard?

What was the main point of the sermon?

What stood out for you in this text.

**What is one thing you are going to do with what you
heard this next week**

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. 15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

" 'May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';
and

" 'Let another take his office.'

21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” 23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Acts 1:12–26 (ESV)

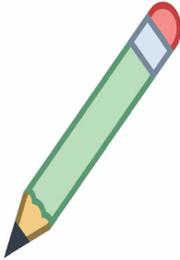
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for kids

Favourite song today

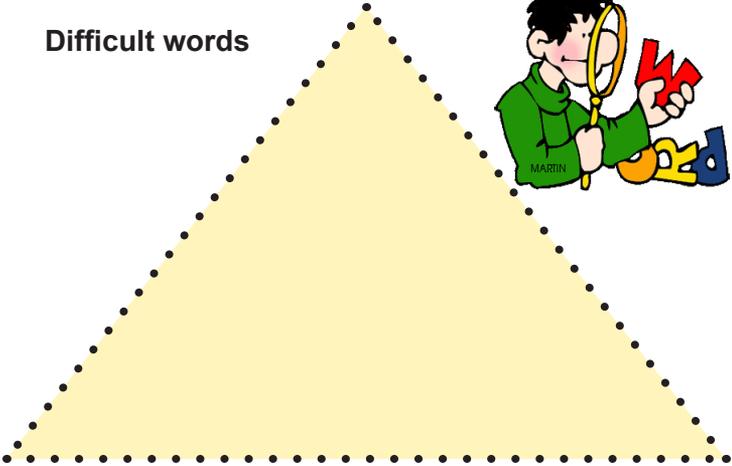


Draw a picture from the sermon



NAME OF THE BOOK

Difficult words



Questions

A large, yellow, cartoonish question mark character with a smiling face, large eyes, and a small mouth. It is positioned on the left side of the 'Questions' section.

Today I learned

Four horizontal lines for writing, set within a light orange rectangular background.



Further study for *Groups and individuals*

Review

Look back at last week's sermon notes and take a moment to review what you wrote you were going to take action on.

How did it go? _____

What did you learn? _____

What is the longest wait you have ever had? _____

Is there something you are waiting for right now? _____

How do you pass the time when waiting? _____

As SRCC moves into this transition time how will you spend your time? _____

Read Mark 9:14 - 29. What is the one thing that Jesus the disciples forgot to wait and do? _____

Jesus tells His disciples;

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

John 15:16–17 (ESV)

What sort of things should we ask for? _____

How hard do you think it would have been for Peter to talk about the subject of Judas' betrayal of Jesus when his own betrayal of Jesus was fresh in his memory and those who heard him speak? _____

Compare and contrast Judas and Peter's betrayal of Jesus.

Why did Peter think Judas needed to be replaced? _____

What qualifications were needed for any candidate for the position of Apostle? _____

Why was being a witness to the resurrection so important?

In what way are you qualified to tell people about Jesus?

When you are seeking God's direction and leading on something, how would you go about it? _____

What are some of the ways God has used to lead you in a direction? _____

Do we need to be cautious when looking at signs from God? _____

Paul says in Romans;

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26–27 (ESV)

What can God see and we can't? _____

When God gives you direction, but perhaps it isn't the direction you were looking for, how hard do you find it to obey Him? _____
